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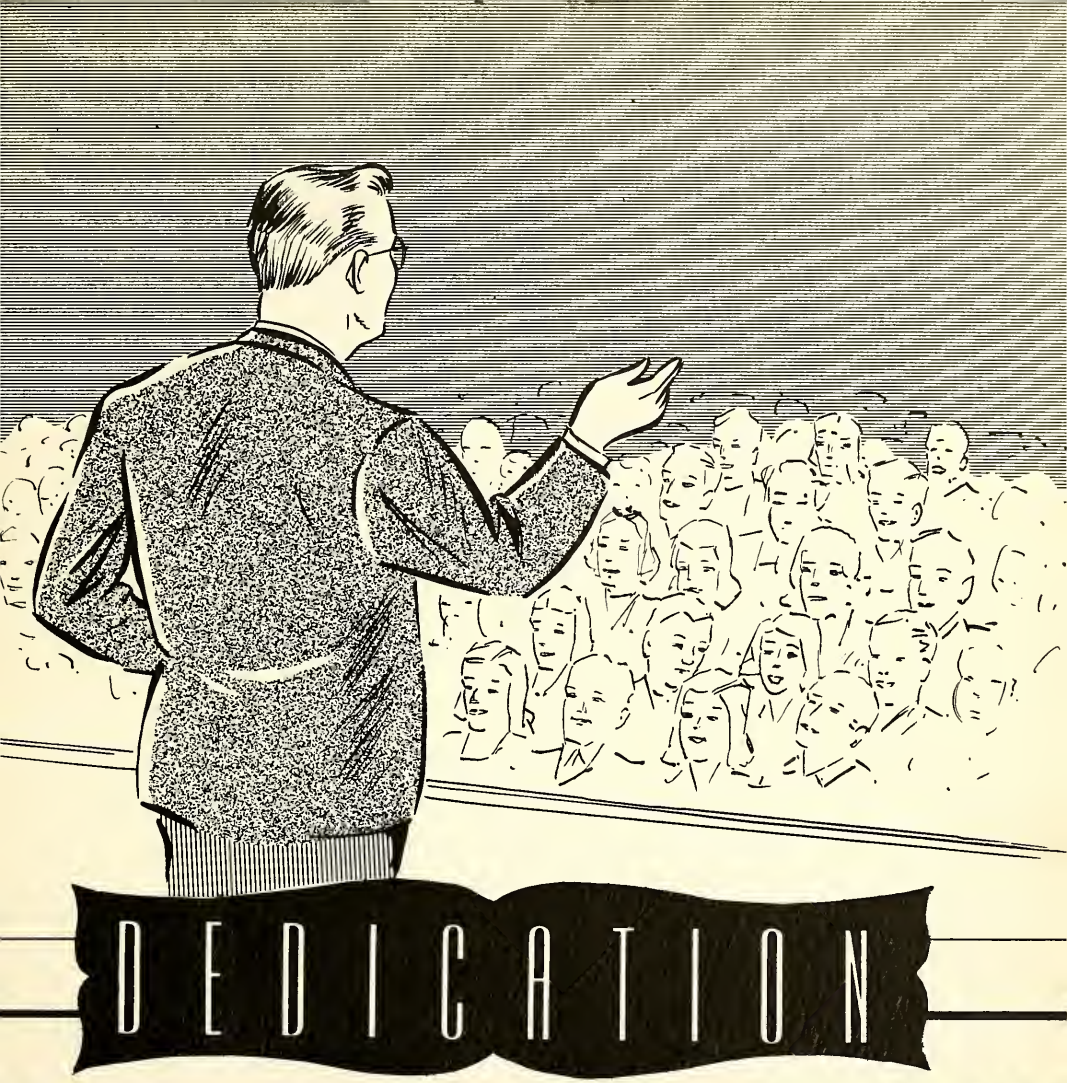

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We, the Senior Class of
Pleasant Mills High School
in the year of 1948 wish to
dedicate this Book to our
parents in token of their
kind, unselfish, and never
ending co-operation and
interest which has made
our education possible.

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FACULTY

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MR. HANSEL L. FOLEY
Principal

TEACHER'S HISTORY

Mr. Hansel L. Foley--Principal graduated from Jefferson Township High School in Wells County; Indiana University with a B. A. Degree; Ball State Teachers College with a M. A. Degree. He majored in Social Studies, English, and Science.

Mrs. Hugh Andrews--graduated from Decatur High School; DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, with an A. B. Degree. She majored in English and History.

Mr. John Bauman--graduated from Geneva High School; Ball State Teachers College with a B. S. Degree. He majored in Math, Science, and Physical Education.

Mr. Albert Coppess--graduated from Monroe High School; He attended Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, and graduated from Ball State Teachers College with a B. S. Degree. He majored in Industrial Arts and Biology.

Mr. Philip Dolby--graduated from Lancaster Township High School, Huntington County; Ball State Teachers College with a B. S. Degree. He majored in Commerce and Music.

Mrs. Thelma Hendricks--graduated from Monroe High School; Ball State Teachers College; University of Wisconsin; Michigan State Normal with an A. B. Degree. She majored in Biology, Physical Education, English, and Later Elementary.

Miss Frances Lemley--graduated from Cambridge City High School; Ball State Teachers College with a B. S. Degree. She majored in Home Economics and Business English.

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Mrs. Jesteen Cole--graduated from Decatur High School; Indianapolis Teachers College. She teaches the third and fourth grades.

Mrs. Alma Brayton--graduated from Byron Illinois High School; Illinois State Teachers College, DeKalb, Illinois. She teaches the first and second grades.

PLEASANT MILLS SCHOOL

In the year nineteen eighteen, the old part of the Pleasant Mills High School was built. It was not ready for school to begin in September; therefore school didn't start until October.

There was an enrollment of 45 pupils: 21 Freshmen, 20 Sophomores, and 4 Juniors. The first graduating class consisted of four boys. Of course being Seniors, they were said to be the smartest pupils in school. The first principal of the school was Robert J. Mann. The first teachers were Lorraine Foster and Fannie Cowan.

In the year of 1938, on October 22, a new part of the high school took its place beside the old building. There were three different petitions before the building was constructed. Yost Bros. were the constructors. All together the building cost $58,000. The Government paid $32,000 and the township paid $26,000.

The new building consists of three class rooms, two dressing rooms, a gymnasium, which is eighty feet and six inches by fifty-one feet. The floor of the gymnasium is seventy-four feet by forty-nine feet; the stage is sixty feet by seventeen feet and bleachers will seat 300 people. The gymnasium will seat approximately 750 people. There is also a home economics room which is now being used by the Home Ec. classes for cooking.

SENIORS

Honor Students

VALEDICTORIAN

ESTHER JOAN FOREMAN

SALUTATORIAN

ALETA ELAINE RATCLIFF

Class Motto

DON'T JUST ITCH FOR SUCCESS; SCRATCH FOR IT.

Class Colors

BLUE & SILVER

Class Flower

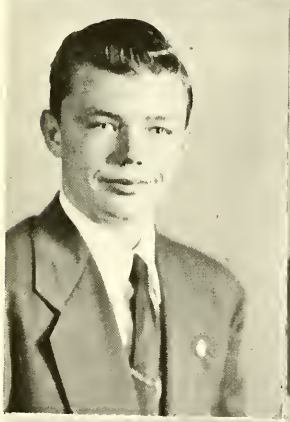
AMERICAN BEAUTY ROSE

SENIORS

LOIS VIOLA BAUMAN

RICHARD KEITH BOLLENBACHER

RONALD L BRYAN



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VERA LOUISE COTTRELL

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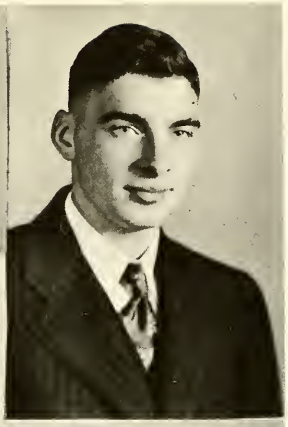
ROWENA MAE FORTNEY



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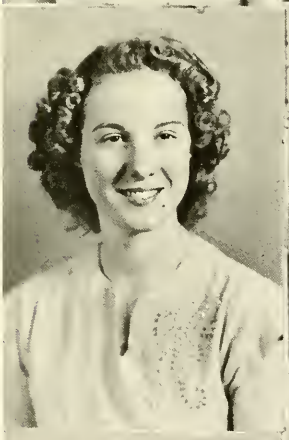

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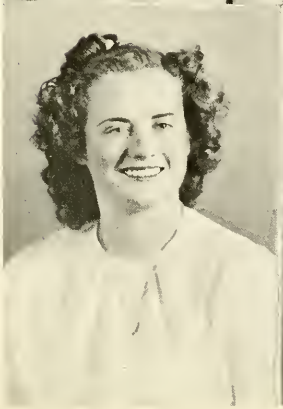
HELEN JANE RAILING

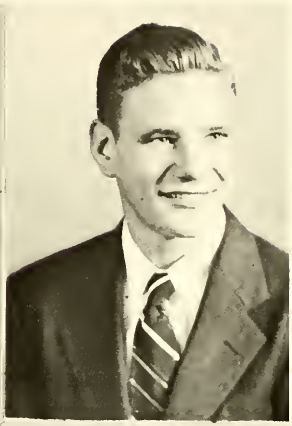


RUTH MARIE ROEBUCK

SENIORS

CLARA LOU SCHUG

RICHARD P SHELL



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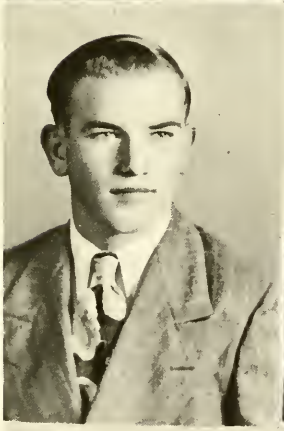

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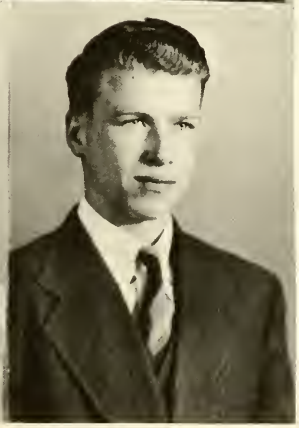
LILA GRACE WINANS

NORMAN J. YOUNG



CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1944, 32 freshmen entered Pleasant Mills High School. We were unaccustomed to the routine of high school life and showed it very much too, I guess. We elected the following officers that year:

President - - - - - - Doyle Strayer
Vice-President --- Norman Fosnaugh
Sec. & Treas. - - - Berthlean Geyer
Sponsor - - - - - - - Mr. Coppess

We had two parties during the school year, one at the home of Patricia Geisler and another at the high school.

In the fall of 1945, 26 former freshmen came back to enter the sophomore class, also two newcomers--Ruth Roebuck and Norma Hamrick--which made the enrollment 28. Wayne Brodbeck then decided to quit, leaving us with only 27. We had two parties that year both of them held at good old PMHS. Everyone had a wonderful time at those parties. The class officers of the sophomore year were:

President - - - - - Doyle Strayer
Vice-President - - - - - Dick Shell
Sec. & Treas. - - - Rowena Fortney
Sponsor - - - - - - - - Mrs. Linn

Aleta Ratcliff came to join us in 1946, but only 20 former students came back to be "Jolly Juniors". I guess the other six got tired of our company. During the last half of the year Clara Lou Schug came from Monroe giving us 22. Hanna Nuttman Park was the scene of our first class party. Everyone enjoyed the wiener roast and other refreshments. Instead of having a party the last semester we took a trip to Washington, D. C., which was more fun than a dozen parties.

The outstanding activity for the junior year was a class play, "Which Shall He Marry", given in April. The following officers were elected:

President - - - - - - Helen Railing
Vice-President - - - - Aleta Ratcliff
Secretary - - - - - Rowena Fortney
Treasurer - - - Margaret Luginbill
Sponsor - - - - - - - Mr. Bauman

Here we are back and seniors. Only 19 former juniors came back as Norma Hamrick and Pat Geisler quit. But we gained another Monroe student, Ronald Bryan, making our enrollment twenty.

CLASS HISTORY-Continued

We chose our senior class officers with much thought and deliberation. They are as follows:

President - - - - - - Norman Young
Vice-President - - - Ronald Bryan
Secretary - - - - - - Aleta Ratcliff
Treasurer - - - Margaret Luginbill
Sponsor - - - - - - - - Mr. Foley

We are planning to give a play called, "Pigtails", in March.

One party was held at the home of our sponsor, Mr. Foley. Everyone attending the party enjoyed the wiener roast with fresh apple cider and doughnuts. After we filled ourselves to our eyelids we played some games, then ate and drank some more. Mr. Foley is certainly a wonderful host.

HONOR ROLL

SENIOR

Ruth Roebuck
Aleta Ratcliff
Helen Railing
Margaret Luginbill
Esther Foreman
Lois Bauman

JUNIOR

Bryce Miller
Alta Jones
Phyllis Heimann
Pat Gephart
Mildred DeRoo

SOPHOMORE

Robert Young
Don Sipe
Charles Ripley
Rose Raudenbush
Virginia Railing

FRESHMEN

Barbara Wolfe
Bill Sipe
Betty Roebuck
Dorothy Myers
Ruth Gephart

CLASS WILL

I, Lois Bauman, do hereby will my ability to get along with Mr. Coppess to my brother, Glen.

I, Richard Bollenbacher, do hereby will my ability to write good to Tom Speakman.

I, Jackie Byer, do hereby will my blonde hair to Joyce Musser.

I, Ronnie Bryan, do hereby will my big feet to Mr. Dolby.

I, Vera Cottrell, do hereby will my ability to be good in school to Paul Daniels.

I, Bob Drake, do hereby will my pocket dictionary to Bill Sipe.

I, Esther Foreman, do hereby will my figure to Donna Allen.

I, Rowena Fortney, do hereby will my ability to get along with people to my sister, Erma.

I, Leonard King, do hereby will my ability to argue with Mr. Dolby to Bill Workinger.

I, Margaret Luginbill, do hereby will my nickname "Hatchet-face" to Alta Jones.

I, Edna Myers, do hereby will my pretty hair to Eleanor Chronister.

I, Helen Railing, do hereby will my long skirts to my sister, Virginia.

I, Aleta Ratcliff, do hereby will my yell-leading outfit to Eleanor Chronister.

I, Ruth Roebuck, do hereby will my height to Mr. Dolby.

I, Clara Lou Schug, do hereby will my giggle to Arlene Geisler.

I, Dick Shell, do hereby will my hair to Mr. Dolby.

I, Bob Sprunger, do hereby will my ability to be a nuisance to George Geyer.

I, Doyle Strayer, do hereby will my nickname "Tiny" to Dreamboat Hirschy.

I, Grace Winans, do hereby will my saddle shoes to Miss Lemley.

I, Norman Young, do hereby will my right ear to Mr. Dolby.

We, the SENIOR CLASS, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 1958

Dear Diary,

My, what a wonderful day! I've just arrived home after having had a swell visit with my 1948 classmates of PMHS. Mr. Ronald Bryan, principal of Pleasant Mills Senior High, sent notices to all of us concerning a very important meeting of the '48 graduates. Well, you've probably guessed it; we were judged the best all around senior class for ten years. Maybe I'd better write down what all my former classmates are doing before I forget.

Rowena Fortney and her husband own and operate a fruit market in Cincinnati. They have a fine bouncing boy.

Vera Cottrell, still her old friendly self, greeted me with a great big kiss. We didn't get to talk long but she really did marry Brice Sheets.

All during the meeting someone's brat about four years old kept calling "Mommy, when do we eat?" Whom do you think picked him up and spanked him? None other than Clara Lou Schug. (Why shouldn't she; he was her son.) She's now Mrs. Teeple.

While talking with Ruth Roebuck, she told me Doyle Strayer is star player on Mutt's Service basketball team, now the world's champions. She has three months of law training yet after which she will work as Robert Drake's (the multimillionaire) private lawyer.

Margaret Luginbill finally married the muck farmer. She said she is very busy selling onions and potatoes. She also informed me that Aleta Ratcliff married the football player from Rockford. He plays on the Ohio State football team so they are busy traveling a great deal.

Dick Shell, a partner in the Shell Bros. Plumbing Co., told us he left Pat and the kids at home.

Lois Bauman, now a manicurist at Bauman's Makeover Shop for Men, is still single. Leonard King visits her shop quite often. He's still looking for a woman that suits him.

Our blondie, Jackie Byer, is now owner and manager of the Be Beautiful Salon. (I mustn't forget my appointment for next March.) Jackie employes Edna Myers as her chief operator. They are both doing fine.

I had a very good visit with Richard Bollenbacher. He owns Bollenbacher's Hardware at Chattanooga. He's the typical old bachelor.

Norman Young is now chief owner of Young's Stone Corp. He never did leave Salem.

During our little chat Helen Railing told me she married soon after school was out and is now a very happy farmer's wife.

Oh! I must be getting sleepy! I almost forgot Grace Winans and Bob Sprunger. Grace has a very good position in Fort Wayne. She's hoping Uncle Sam will soon discharge that certain someone. Bob having been a very successful farmer is now County Agent.

I could write you so much more about today, dear old diary, but I must get my rest so I won't be too crabby to my nurses tomorrow; however all old maid superintendents aren't grouchy!

By--Esther Foreman

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Lois Bauman with long straight hair?
Richard Bollenbacher busy?
Ronald Bryan studying?
Jackie Byer without new clothes?
Vera Cottrell without her diamond?

Robert Drake having his books?
Esther Foreman without her nail's polished?
Rowena Fortney without her Hudson?
Leonard King without an answer?
Margaret Luginbill wearing paint?

Edna Myers with dirty shoes?
Helen Railing with fuzzy hair?
Aleta Ratcliff without her sweaters?
Ruth Roebuck not hungry?
Clara Lou Schug quiet?

Dick Shell with good posture?
Bob Sprunger not pestering people?
Doyle Strayer with a date?
Grace Winans without her giggle in Arithmetic class?
Norman Young not losing his temper?

SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

LOIS VIOLA BAUMAN

June 1, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauman became the proud parents of a bouncing six pound baby girl which they discovered at the Adams County Memorial Hospital. After much consideration, they decided to name this curly brown-haired, blue eyed baby Lois Viola. The Baumans were then living in Pleasant Mills. Lois bossed the barber shop as well as the household the first six years of her life. She then decided to enter Pleasant Mills School. Lois is completing twelve years at good old PMHS this year.

Lois's favorite subject is bookkeeping in which she excels. Her hobbies are playing cards and going to movies.

Lois has a special school chum, Grace Winans and also another very special chum. (I wonder who?)

Lois is not certain about her future, but I am sure that she will be successful in whatever she attempts. We wish her the best of luck.

E. J. F.

RICHARD KEITH BOLLENBACHER

On March 31, 1930, the stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bollenbacher of Chattanooga, Ohio. A seven pound baby boy was left and immediately named Richard Keith.

He started at Chattanooga school at the age of six. He attended this school for three years then went on to Willshire. Here he spent his fourth and fifth years of school. From there he went to Jacobs for a year, and then on to Prairie for two years. At the age of fourteen he entered good old PMHS where he has been ever since.

His friends are Leonard J. King and Dick Shell.

After school Richard (Zip) (Pitch) plans to work in a hardware store in Chattanooga.

R. P. S.

RONALD LEE BRYAN

On October 29, 1930, the stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Bryan at 2028 Frary Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana and left with them a ten pound two ounce baby boy. They decided to call this boy Ronald Lee.

In 1932 the Bryans moved to Blue Creek Township. Ronnie attended Kimsey School for the first eight years of his schooling. Then he went to Monroe High School to become a freshman and remained there until it was time to be a senior. He then came to P. M. H. S.

Ronnie's friends are many, but among the favorite ones are Doyle Strayer, Norman Young, and the freshman girls (some of them that is.)

His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and shooting pool.

Ronnie's future is still undecided but we all wish him lots of luck in whatever he chooses to do.

R. M. R.

JACQUELINE ROSE BYER

On August 21, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin K. Byer of Blue Creek Township were very proud parents of a six and one half pound girl, whom they immediately named Jacqueline Rose. She was the first child in the family.

After growing out of the baby stage at six years of age, she entered Pleasant Mills for her first two years to learn the ABC's. She then transferred to Maples during her third and fourth year. She spent the fifth and sixth grade at Jefferson, seventh at Monmouth, and the eighth back at good old Pleasant Mills, where she also stayed during her four years of High School.

Jackie is very bashful, but we know some day she will change. She is liked by all the class members.

Jacqueline Rose Byer-Continued

Her hobbies are roller skating and going to movies. She also likes to go to ball games, especially if she thinks our team will win.

Her ambition is undecided; but we all believe whatever it may be, it will be a success. Best of luck to her!

C. L. S.

VERA LOUISE COTTRELL

On March 23, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Cottrell welcomed to their home a darling baby girl whom they promptly named Vera Louise.

At Bobo Grade School, Vera obtained the basis of her education which included eight years of elementary training. Endeavoring to further her education, she entered PMHS to become an active member of the class and a participant in sports activities.

She enjoys fishing, swimming, and hunting. She also participated in the senior class play.

Helen, Ruthie, Jackie, Edna, Clara Lou, Margaret, and Aleta are her best chums.

Vera's future, she claims, is getting married and rearing a family. We certainly wish her all the luck in the world. We're sure she'll be a success.

V. L. C.

ROBERT RAYMOND JAMES DRAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Dorwin Drake of Decatur, Indiana, were the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy on March 28, 1929. He weighed six pounds. Finally they named him Robert Raymond James.

Bob, as he is called by his classmates, started school at Decatur and after three years there moved to Bobo where he finished his grade school.

Bob's best liked subject is history and his hobbies are pool and basketball. His chums are all of the seniors. Bob's future plans are undetermined but we wish him the best of luck.

L. J. K.

ESTHER JOAN FOREMAN

On January 14, 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Foreman of Belmont Park, Decatur, Indiana, were the proud parents of a fat, blonde, blue-eyed baby girl weighing six and three-fourth pounds. She was the second child in the family whom they christened Esther Joan.

At the age of five she moved to Blue Creek Township, where she entered Jacob school for her first three years, then was transferred for her remaining five years to North Brick. All four years of her high school career were spent at Pleasant Mills. Esther has been very busy these four years. She worked in the kitchen in her freshman year, in the store her sophomore year, and was promoted to the position of school secretary for her junior and senior years. She participated in the junior class play, glee club, and basketball. Her hobbies are playing cards, driving the tractor, and raising pets, especially lambs. Her favorite subject is typing, in which she excels. Her friends are too many to name, but her special chum is Rowena Fortney. Her ambition is to be a nurse and later on perhaps a farmer's wife. We wish her the best of luck in whatever she attempts.

R. F. S.

ROWENA MAE FORTNEY

On January 24, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortney of near Pleasant Mills became the proud parents of a three and one half pound baby girl. She was the first child in the family and was immediately named Rowena Mae.

Rowena began her school life at Pleasant Mills where she attended for three years. Then she with her parents moved to Nicholasville, Kentucky, where she attended school her fourth year. She became homesick for Pleasant Mills and decided to move back for her fifth, sixth, and seventh years. Moving to Blue Creek Township with her parents she completed her elementary schooling at North Brick. She returned again to PMHS for all her High School career.

Rowena is a very attractive girl with black hair and brown eyes. Her favorite subjects are typing and music. Rowena participated in the Senior Class Play, Girls Sextette and served as cheerleader. She is well liked by both the girls and the boys. Her special chum, though, is Esther Foreman. Rowena likes to spend her leisure time going to movies and dancing. Her future is undecided but we are certain she will succeed in whatever she attempts. Good Luck!

X. Y. Z.

LEONARD J. KING

On the day of May 12, 1930, the old boy with the long legs dropped an eight and three-fourth pound bouncing baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. King of St. Mary's Township whom they named Leonard J.

Leonard is now a big boy and ready to graduate from high school. Leonard has gone all twelve years to good old PMHS.

Leonard's hobbies are basketball and hunting. His chums are all the senior class.

His ambition is to be a farmer. Good luck, Leonard.

D. E. S.

MARGARET PEARL LUGINBILL

On September 17, 1930, the stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Luginbill in Blue Creek Township, Adams County, Indiana, and left with them a six pound baby girl. They decided to name this girl Margaret Pearl.

Margaret attended six years of her school life at Jacobs in Blue Creek and six years at good old PMHS.

Margaret's friends are Aleta, Helen, Edna, Clara Lou, Vera, Ruthie, and Jackie. Don't let her know it but I think P. C. J. is in the picture.

Her hobbies are reading, eating, sleeping, and attending ball games. She's been active in school activities and took part in the junior and senior class plays.

Margaret says her future is still undecided, but we wish her luck on the muck farm.

R. L. B.

EDNA MARIE MYERS

On January 24, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Myers of Monroe Township discovered a bouncing eight and one-half pound baby girl on their doorstep. She was immediately named Edna Marie.

The Myers soon moved to Blue Creek Township where at the ripe old age of six, Edna entered Lincoln Grade School. After completing one year she was transferred to North Brick where she completed her elementary training. Edna has now finished four years of higher education at Pleasant Mills High.

Edna says she has no particularly favorite study, but we know she does well in all. Her special chums are Jackie, Helen, Ruthie, Vera, Clara Lou, Aleta, and Margaret.

Edna Mae, as she is sometimes called likes to occupy her leisure time by going to shows and skating.

Edna's future is undecided but we wish her lots of luck in whatever she attempts.

R. M. F.

HELEN JANE RAILING

On September 19, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Railing of Jay County were the happy parents of a baby girl weighing six and one-half pounds. They quickly named her Helen Jane.

Helen attended Brandyberry her first eight years. Then she came to Pleasant Mills for her last four years.

Helen's chums are Ruth, Jackie, Clara Lou, Edna, Vera, Aleta, and Margaret. Helen also has a hobby of collecting match covers and pictures. Her ambition is undecided but best wishes in what career she chooses.

N. J. Y.

ALETA ELAINE RATCLIFF

On July 11, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Ora K. Ratcliff of Craigville, Indiana, had something to celebrate because the stork visited them, bringing an eight pound bundle from heaven. It was a baby girl and the first child, whom they named Aleta Elaine.

Aleta started to school at Ossian, Indiana, and spent her first ten years there. She then entered Pleasant Mills High School to finish her schooling.

Aleta has taken part in all school activities. She led the Spartan's cheering section during her senior year, and also took part in both the junior and senior plays taking the girls' lead in the junior play.

She enjoys all types of recreation and activities, but her favorite hobbies are reading, eating, sleeping, and biking.

She enjoys the friendship of many, but her best chums are Margaret, Clara Lou, Helen, Ruthie, Edna, Jackie, and Vera.

Her future, she says, is undecided, but we are sure she will be successful in whatever she chooses.

L. G. W.

RUTH MARIE ROEBUCK

One bright sunny morning on the day of June 14, 1930, the stork came to a skidding stop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Roebuck with a bouncing eight pound, thirteen ounce baby girl. They were so proud of her that they immediately named her Ruth Marie, better known to her friends as "Ruthie".

Ruthie has attended a number of schools in her twelve year career. She started at Kalamazoo, Michigan, then followed Oshtemo, Burton, Detroit, Pullman, back to Detroit for the eighth and ninth grades, and then to good old PMHS for the rest of her training.

Her best friends are Helen, Vera, Clara Lou, Edna, Jackie, Margaret, and Aleta. Her future is well planned with a certain someone. We all wish her the best of luck.

R. K. B.

CLARA LOU SCHUG

On the day of January 25, 1930, old man stork dropped a beautiful little redheaded girl on the doorstep of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schug, who resided near Berne, Indiana. They promptly named this four and three fourths pound bundle, Clara Lou.

At the ripe old age of six years, when her hair turned to light blonde, she entered the first grade at the Election School where she completed an eight year course.

After graduating from the eighth grade she decided to further her education by entering Monroe High School where she attended two and one-half years. Then she decided to give Pleasant Mills a break. She has been with us for one year now and intends to finish her high school career here.

Her chums are Helen, Ruth, Jackie, Vera, Edna, Margaret, Aleta, and a certain Jim Teeple, although she is admired by nearly everyone.

Her hobbies are listening to the radio and playing rook.

She wants to work in a bakery after graduation, but we all believe her main ambition is to become a housewife. Whatever she does we wish her all the luck in the world.

H. J. R.

RICHARD PAUL SHELL

On April the thirteenth, during that eventful year of 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shell welcomed to their home in St. Marys' Township, an eight pound bundle, which they named Richard Paul.

Dick, as he is called by all of his friends and teachers, too, sought the first eight years of his education at Bobo Grade School. Deciding to increase his knowledge, he entered Pleasant Mills High School to become an active student and a participant of extra curricular activities.

He claims pool as his hobby, but in his spare time he really likes to indulge in the habitual practice of eating.

Senior Biographies-Continued

Richard Paul Shell-Continued

Dick is proud to boast Paul and Bryce Miller as his special friends, although those that enjoy his friendship are many.

His future is undecided, but we wish him all the luck and success in whatever field of study or line of work he chooses.

A. E. R.

ROBERT FREDRICK SPRUNGER

May 14, 1930, was a happy day in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sprunger. Why! On that day the stork made a visit. He brought a bouncing baby boy. There was a little debate over what to name him. Finally they decided to call him Robert Fredrick.

Bob started his school days at Dent Grade School where he spent one year. Then he moved to Lucky and attended there four years. Bob spent the next two years at Smith. Then Bob did one of the wisest things in his life; he came to Pleasant Mills for the rest of his schooling.

Bob was always willing to do his part. He participated in the junior and senior class plays taking the male lead in the junior play. He also played on the basketball squad and softball team.

His favorite subjects are arithmetic and English.

His future is undecided, but we wish him success.

R. R. J. D.

DOYLE EUGENE STRAYER

On April 24, 1930, the stork called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rue L. Strayer, who resided in Blue Creek Township, leaving an eight pound baby boy whom the proud parents named Doyle Eugene.

At the age of six, he started his school days at Manley Grade School in Ohio. He completed his last four and one-half years of grade school at Lincoln in Blue Creek Township. He entered PMHS as a freshman where he continued his high school education.

Doyle's favorite sports are basketball and hunting. His chums are Ronald Bryan, Norman Young, and Clyde Daniels. His ambition is to be a farmer after he finishes school. We all wish Doyle the best of luck and good going.

M. P. L.

LILA GRACE WINANS

On February 18, 1930, a six and one-half pound bundle of joy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Winans who were residing in Monroe Township. They were very happy about this blessed event because it was their first daughter and they named her Lila Grace.

At the tender age of six she started her education at Pleasant Mills and she expects to graduate here this spring after twelve years of learning.

She has been a cheerleader for two years and has taken part in the junior and senior class plays.

Her favorite subject is bookkeeping and her hobbies are basketball, movies, reading, and bicycle riding. Her best friend is Lois Bauman although she has many.

She has brown hair, blue eyes and is 5' 5'' tall.

Her future is undecided, but we surely wish her luck for a successful life.

L. V. B.

NORMAN J. YOUNG

May 26, 1930, was a very happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Young of Blue Creek Township. It was the arrival of a nine pound baby boy whom they named Norman.

Norman started his first three years of school at North Brick then completed his elementary education at Kimsey. He finished his education at PMHS.

Basketball and playing pool are his favorite hobbies. Norman chums with Doyle Strayer, Ronald Bryan, and Bob Sprunger. Norman hasn't definitely decided on a future, but his chief ambition is to become manager of Meshberger's Stone Corporation. Good luck, Norman.

J. R. B.

WHO'S WHO

Who's the shortest? - - - - - - - - - - - Lois Bauman

Who's the laziest? - - - - - - - - - - Richard Bollenbacher

Who's the wolf? - - - - - - - - - - - - - Ronald Bryan

Who's the blonde? - - - - - - - - - - - - - Jacqueline Byer

Who's engaged? - - - - - - - - - - - - - Vera Cottrell

Who's the walking encyclopedia? - - - - - - - Robert Drake

Who's the most ambitious? - - - - - - - - Esther Foreman

Who's the cutest? - - - - - - - - - - - - Rowena Fortney

Who's the most argumentative? - - - - - - - Leonard King

Who's the most agreeable? - - - - - - - Margaret Luginbill

Who's the neatest? - - - - - - - - - - - - - Edna Myers

Who's the glamour girl? - - - - - - - - - - Helen Railing

Who's the sweetest? - - - - - - - - - - - - Aleta Ratcliff

Who's always hungry? - - - - - - - - - - Ruth Roebuck

Who's the most excitable? - - - - - - - - Clara Lou Schug

Who's the sleepiest? - - - - - - - - - - - - Richard Shell

Who's the biggest nuisance? - - - - - - - Robert Sprunger

Who's the athlete? - - - - - - - - - - - - - Doyle Strayer

Who's sophisticated? - - - - - - - - - - - Grace Winans

Who's the artist? - - - - - - - - - - - - - Norman Young

UNDER GRADS

JUNIOR CLASS

FIRST ROW: DeRoo, Gephart, P. Heimann, J. Heimann, Musser, Ehrsam, Chronister.
SECOND ROW: White, Jones, Young, Case, Taylor, Sheets, Daniels.
THIRD ROW: Wolfe, Geyer, Allen, Girod, Ripley, Suman, Miller, McCullough.

On September 2, 1947, the Jolly Juniors were ready to begin another year in their search for knowledge within the walls of P. M. H. S. During the course of the year we lost three members, Jim Irwin, Alfred Dellinger and Gerald McCullough. Our total number is now twenty-one. We were also glad to welcome a new member to our class, Clarabelle Daniels. Mrs. Andrews was chosen as our class sponsor. Our class party was held on October 11, 1947, at the school gumnasium. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all. The Juniors are proud of their classmates who are taking part in the school activities. Phyllis Heimann, Pat Gephart, Joanne Heimann, Eleanor Chronister, and Beverly White are members of the Glee Club. Bryce Miller, David Ripley, Gene Suman and Glen Geyer are members of the basketball team. Bob Wolfe served his second year as the team's student manager. Our class officers are as follows: President--Mildred DeRoo, Vice-President--Bob Wolfe, Secretary--Pat Gephart, Treasurer--Phyllis Heimann.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

FIRST ROW: Merrits, Ross, Browning, Myers, Beer, Bollenbacher, Johnson.
SECOND ROW: Mr. Bauman, Roe, Irvin, Roebuck, Raudenbush, Werling, Railing, Ripley, Welch.
THIRD ROW: Kiser, Noll, Manley, Mitchell, Bailey, Speakman, Hirschy, Sipe, Strahm, Litchenberger.

September 2, 1947, the Sophisticated Sophomores started their second year at good old P. M. H. S. with a new member, Marjorie Merrits. During the year three members left, Glen Manley, Delores Browning, and Don Hoffman.

The class officers were as follows:

President - Jack Welch
Vice-President - Don Sipe
Secretary - Dick Bailey
Treasurer - Pat Roe
Class sponsor - Mr. Bauman

We have had one class party Oct. 11, at Sunset skating rink. Seventeen members were present and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Tom Noll, Gene Mitchell, Dick Bailey, Tom Speakman, Vernon Hirschy, Don Sipe, John Johnson, Charles Ripley, Glen Strahm, and Roger Bollenbacher are members of the basketball squad. We also have four yell leaders, Pat Roe, Rose Raudenbusch, Delores Browning, and Marjorie Merrits. We are all proud of our class rings we received this year.

FRESHMAN CLASS

FIRST ROW: Roebuck, Jones, Miller, Fox, Bebout, Allen, Fortney, Musser, Merriman, Geisler.
SECOND ROW: Mr. Coppess, Taylor, Riley, Smith, Jacob, Ohler, Myers, Wolfe, Gephart, Burkhart, Cortez.
THIRD ROW: Price, Watkins, Frey, Workinger, Geyer, Daniels, Sipe, Jones, Kelsey.

In the year 1947-1948, twenty-nine members enrolled as "Green Freshmen" at Pleasant Mills High School. Class officers were elected as follows: President--Billy Sipe, Vice-President--Herman Kelsey, Secretary--Dorothy Myers, and Treasurer--Barbara Wolfe.

A party was held October 17, 1947, at the school gym. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by 36 people present.

The freshman class can proudly boast some good basketball players for the first and second team.

Our two yell leading teams look very promising and hope to succeed more next year. One team is made up of Marjory Miller, Annabelle Bebout, Joan Riley, and Ellen Jones. Betty Roebuck and Barbara Wolfe make up the other pair.

We are all looking forward to next year when we will become "Sophisticated Sophomores" another step in our goal toward graduation in 1951.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

SCHOOL FUN

HEHE UHAHA MHEHE OHHA R

FIRST ROW: Raymond, Curly, Zip, Moe, Goose, Dick, Mouse, Tiny.
SECOND ROW: Pearlie, Barnie, Verie, Edna Mae, Blimp, Sugar, Jackie.
THIRD ROW: Skeeter, Runt, Gracie, Shortie, Cookie.

ATHLETICS

Basketball

The 1947-48 basketball team of Pleasant Mills was one of the county teams who had tough breaks this year, but they never gave up. Mr. John Bauman in his second year as coach of the Spartans, is to be congratulated on good sportsmanship during the year.

The Spartans started the season on Nov. 1 with a win over the Wren Eagles, 44-32, Wins over Wren two times, Jefferson, and Commies gave us a record of 4 wins and 14 loses. We were defeated by Geneva in our first game in the County Tourney after a hard fought battle, losing by a score of 48-33. The Eagles won the County Tourney again this year.

The Spartans were eliminated by the Commies at the Decatur Tourney. Hartford won the Sectional Crown.

The schedule and scores of the games for the season follows:

Pleasant Mills	44	Wren	32
Pleasant Mills	42	Jefferson	44
Pleasant Mills	23	Berne	54
Pleasant Mills	20	Hartford	37
Pleasant Mills	22	Monroe	47
Pleasant Mills	25	Commodores	32
Pleasant Mills	31 (overtime)	Willshire	39
Pleasant Mills	13	Monmouth	30
Pleasant Mills	30	Kirkland	35
Pleasant Mills	34	Monroe	39
Pleasant Mills	20	Geneva	38
Pleasant Mills	25	Hartford	46
Pleasant Mills	27	Y. Jackets	47
Pleasant Mills	57	Jefferson	43
Pleasant Mills	54	Wren	18
Pleasant Mills	40	Kirkland	52
Pleasant Mills	47	Commodores	46
Pleasant Mills	29	Monmouth	51

County Tourney

Pleasant Mills	33	Geneva	48

Sectional Tourney

Pleasant Mills	29	Commodores	42

Spartans

KNEELING: Miller, Shell, Sprunger, Suman, Price
STANDING: Young, Bollenbacher, Strayer, Ripley, Geyer, Mr. John Bauman-Coach.

CHEERLEADERS

Aleta Ratcliff
Grace Winans
Rowena Fortney

The First Ten

Doyle "Salem Flash" Strayer is a senior center on the Spartan team for the fourth year. Doyle is the only six-footer on the Spartan squad, and was chosen the captain to lead the team. Doyle was a good rebounder and a good shot.

Glen "Gennie" Geyer is a Junior reserve forward for the Spartans. It is his second year on the squad. Gennie played with the second team most of the season, and gained valuable experience for next year.

Jim "Jimmy" Price is a freshman reserve guard for the Spartans. Valuable experience was gained this season on the second team, and much is expected from him the next three years.

Bryce "Shagg" Miller is a junior guard on the first five for the Spartans. Shagg was content to play a good floor game and to hold down his man. He is also a good shot. Much is expected rom Shagg next year.

David "Dave" Ripley is a junior forward on the starting lineup for the Spartans. He is a good rebounder and a good shot. Dave will be back playing for the Spartans next year.

Robert "Bob" Sprunger is a Senior forward who has played two years for the Spartans. He was a good player and we are sorry to lose him.

Norman "Raymond" Young is a senior forward also playing his second year. He was a very valuable player and Pleasant Mills is sure to suffer a loss.

Richard "Pitch" Bollenbacher is a senior who was an alternating forward for the Spartans. Pitch was a good rebound man and had a dangerous left hand shot.

Richard "Dick" Shell is a senior reserve guard playing his first year on the team. He didn't play much but made the best of every opportunity while in the game.

Eugene "Gene" Suman is a junior guard who played his first year for the Spartans. Valuable experience was gained and much is expected of him next year.

Left: BOB SPRUNGER

Right: JIM PRICE

DOYLE STRAYER

NORMAN YOUNG

DICK SHELL

Left: GLEN GEYER

Right: DAVID RIPLEY

RICHARD BOLLENBACHER

GENE SUMAN

BRYCE MILLER

Seconds

FIRST ROW: Bollenbacher, Geyer, Wolfe, Ripley, Johnson.
SECOND ROW: Watkins, Sipe, Noll, Strahm, Frey.
THIRD ROW: Coach-Mr. Bauman, Bailey, Hirschy, Speakman, Mitchell, Workinger.

The Freshman and Sophomore girls took turns as cheer-leaders for this team. The groups were:

Marjorie Merritts - Delores Browning
Pat Row - Rose Raudenbush

Marjorie Miller - Ellen Jones
Annabelle Bebout - Joann Riley

Barbara Wolfe - Betty Roebuck

ACTIVITIES

PIGTAILS

3-act comedy presented by the Senior Class

of

Pleasant Mills High School

March 5, 1948

Kenyon Campbell - - - - - - - - - - Norman Young
Primrose White - - - - - - - - - - - - Ruth Roebuck
Sydney Campbell - - - - - - - - - - - Bob Sprunger
Mrs. Lucilla Campbell - - - - - Margaret Luginbill
Annabelle Campbell - - - - - - - - - - Grace Winans
Florabelle Campbell - - - - - - - - - - Aleta Ratclif
Watt Manners - - - - - - - - - - - - Ronald Bryan
Norma Kirk - - - - - - - - - - - - Rowena Fortney
Brenda Baynes - - - - - - - - - - - - Helen Railing
Thurlow Ladd - - - - - - - Richard Bollenbacher
Ursula James - - - - - - - - - - - - Vera Cottrell
Gaye Brooks - - - - - - - - - - - - Clara L. Schug

"WHICH SHALL HE MARRY"

3-act comedy presented by the Junior Class
of
Pleasant Mills High School

April 8, 1947

Cast of Characters

Elaine Randolph - - - - - - - - - - - - Grace Winans
Frankie Randolph - - - - - - - - - Norma Hamrick
Mary Jane Randolph - - - - - - - - - - Aleta Ratcliff
Patience Randolph - - - - - - - - - Donna Ainsworth
Susan Randolph - - - - - - - - - - Esther Foreman
Mrs. Randolph - - - - - - - - - - Margaret Luginbill
Magnolia - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Helen Railing
Mr. Hinman - - - - - - - - - - - - - - David Ripley
Dick Evans - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Bob Sprunger

GLEE CLUBS

JUNIOR AND SENIOR GIRLS

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORE GIRLS

GLEE CLUBS

FIRST ROW:
LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Dolby, Price, Johnson, Geyer, Ripley, Welch, Lichtenberger, Sipe.
SECOND ROW:
LEFT TO RIGHT: Young, Noll, Strahm, Hirschy, Bailey, Mitchell, Frey, Watkins, Sipe.
NOT PICTURED: Workinger.

9 & 10 girls Glee Club
Members:
FIRST ROW:
LEFT TO RIGHT: Ross, Gephart, Ohler, Geisler.
SECOND ROW: Merritts, Roebuck, Browning, Fortney, Railing, Raudenbush, Werling, Roe, Fox.
THIRD ROW: Roebuck, Merriman, Taylor, Wolfe, Myers, Allen, Bebout, Musser, Mr. Dolby.
NON MEMBERS: Jacobs, Smith, Irwin, Cortez, Riley, Jones, Miller.

11 & 12 girls Glee Club
FIRST ROW:
LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Heimann, P. Heimann, Gephart, Sheets, Daniels, Chronister, Musser.
SECOND ROW: White, Fortney, Cottrell, Schug, Foreman, Winans, Ratcliff, Baumann, Mr. Dolby.
NOT PICTURED: Railing.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On December 1, the schedule was changed and arranged so that time was made available for some high school music. Mr. Dolby called the groups together and they sang Christmas songs "just for fun" until after the Christmas vacation. Then the groups were reorganized and individual voice tests were made to divide the groups for three-part singing. At first some were very shy about singing by themselves, and only after a few brave ones took their tests and found them not difficult did the rest of the members submit to the tests.

The girls were divided into first soprano, second soprano, and alto, and the boys into first tenor, second tenor, baritone and bass. The freshman and sophomore group had separate classes for girls and boys twice each week. The junior and senior girls had their class during the boys physical education period so the boys could not join the class. They met twice each week.

The big project for the year was to learn music for the County Music Festival to be held at Geneva on April 2. This was to be a program by all the high schools in the county. Each school was allotted about 5 minutes to furnish some music by their school alone and then the combined music departments of the county (totaling about 250 members) were to sing six songs. All the girls glee clubs were to be united to sing "Beautiful Dreamer," Foster, and "Mistress Margarita"-Penn. The combined boys glee clubs' numbers were "Stouthearted Men" and "Desert Song" both by Romberg. The entire group was to sing "On the Road to Mandalay" -Speaks, and "Thanks be to God"-Dickson. Mr. Varner Chance, Supervisor of Instrumental Music in the Fort Wayne Schools, was engaged to direct the combined groups in the six numbers mentioned.

This seemed to be a big order with only three months to go. But everyone got right down to work and learned the music even though three-part singing was new to most of the students.

Besides this music festival, concerts were planned for the glee clubs in the spring at the local churches. Also the music department furnished music for the Farmers Institute, P. T. A. meetings, Senior Play, Junior Play, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. Special groups were chosen out of the glee clubs. These included a double trio, several trios, a boys' quartet, a mixed quartet, and several solos.

WASHINGTON D. C. TRIP

On Thursday morning, April 10, 1947, the Junior and Senior Classes consisting of 34 members, accompanied by Arnold Conrad, a faculty member, and Miss Cora Jane Ememhiser of Fort Wayne, left for the five day tour of the Eastern States. We started our long journey by going to Decatur then to Van Wert where we took Highway 30 through Upper Sandusky, Bucyrus, and Mansfield, Ohio, where we ate dinner. After an hour we continued our journey through Wooster, Massillon, Canton, and East Liverpool. Then we whizzed through West Virginia, and arrived at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburg at five o'clock. We were so eager to continue our journey to Washington that we didn't sleep so we got a very early start on Friday.

After spending Friday morning visiting points of interest in Pittsburgh, including Forbes Field, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, we proceeded to our destination, arriving there at three in the afternoon. Before going to the Hotel Annapolis we went through the Washington Cathedral, which was just being completed and saw many famous tombs. About five we were in our hotel rooms with instructions to have fun but be on the bus at seven the next morning.

On Saturday we got our first glimpse of this beautiful city with all of its colorful cherry blossoms. We also saw many important places on Saturday such as the White House, Capitol, Smithsonian Institute, National Gallery of Art, Ford's Theater, Congressional Library, National Airport, Tomb of the Unknown Dead, Christ Church, Potomac River, U. S. Supreme Court Building, Lincoln Memorial, Jeffersons' Monument, Lee Mansion, Mt. Vernon, and historic Alexandria, Virginia. During the morning we had a group picture taken with Congressman Gillie.

Sunday some visited the Washington Monument during the morning. Leaving Washington at one o'clock, we toured the Annapolis Naval Academy, a submarine on Chesapeake Bay, and saw John Paul Jones Tomb in Maryland, after which we proceeded to Gettysburgh where we spent the night in private homes.

We saw the Eternal Peace Light when we visited the famous Civil War battle ground site on Monday morning. After taking our special guide back to Gettysburg we traveled the Pennsylvania Turnpike which has a series of seven mountain tunnels. We arrived in Pittsburgh where we spent Monday night before returning home on Tuesday afternoon, April 15, 1947, where a very weary group of students bade farewell to our bus driver, Wayne Oxley, and guide, Tom Totten.

BY--Lois Bauman
Grace Winans

Washington D. C. Trip-Continued

The members of this year's Senior class who went on the Washington D. C. Trip were as follows:

Lois Bauman, Richard Bollenbacher, Robert Drake, Esther Foreman, Leonard King, Helen Railing, Ruth Roebuck, Bob Sprunger, Norman Young, Grace Winans, and Doyle Strayer.

INDIANAPOLIS TRIP

March 5, 1947, the junior and senior classes motored to Indianapolis for the day. We visited the State House to see the Congressional sessions, where the teachers wage law was being discussed. We also visited the Soldier and Sailor's Monument.

In the afternoon we were free to do as we pleased.

The classes feel indebted to the following drivers:

Mrs. Frank Fortney
Mrs. Elton Archer
Mr. Harry Martz
Mr. Albert Coppess
Mr. Arnold Conrad
Mr. John Bauman

We are all looking forward to a nice trip this spring.

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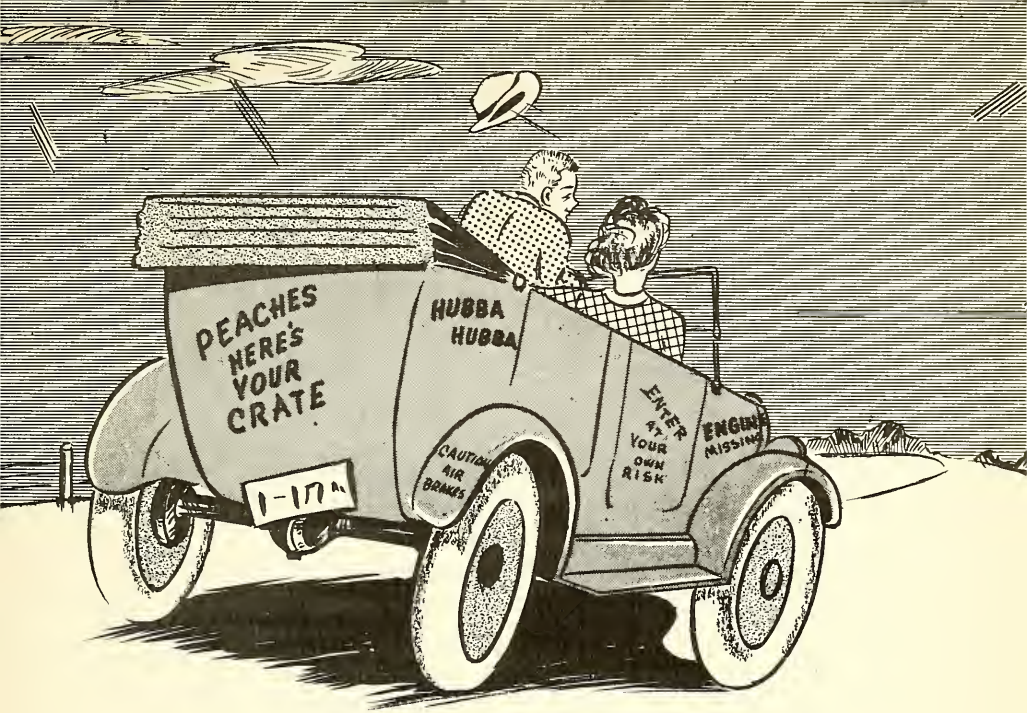

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